THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DD-Bharati has been made a channel to be carried by all cable operators in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal.

Objections of CAG in BALCO disinvestment

†*305. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG has made serious objections in respect of BALCO disinvestment deal in its interim report;

(b) if so, whether CAG has made a reference to the department for not assessing the captive power plant at BALCO; and

(c) by when the CAG report would be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Comptroller & Auditor General has made certain observations in its Draft Inspection Report on disinvestment of Government equity in BALCO. Government's reply thereto has been sent to the office of CAG. The CAG has yet to furnish its final report.

(c) No time period for laying the CAG report on the Table of the House can be indicated.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.